

8th Grade Mathematics Information—Mr. Aljancic

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I. 8TH GRADE CLASS RULES with Mr. Aljancic's points of emphasis:

- Use appropriate classroom behavior and self-discipline.**
 - Follow directions: If you are not sure about anything, ask.
 - Treat others with respect. Be careful what you say, don't mess with other's stuff, and discuss instead of argue.
- Be prepared for instruction (planner, textbook, folder, pen, pencil, etc.).**
 - Have stuff *before* class starts, especially the FAB FOUR:
*PENCIL *GRADING PEN (not black) *MATH JOURNAL *CALCULATOR
- Arrive to class on time.**
- Cover all textbooks with paper covers (algebra class).** Workbooks don't need covers, but keep them in good shape. If you lose your workbook, you must purchase a replacement copy.
- Practice academic honesty.**
 - Cheating = F: Helping someone understand homework = GOOD, allowing to copy = BAD!
- Follow all rules in the student handbook, including the dress code.**
 - Do what's right, avoid what's wrong! If you are not sure, check with Mr. A!

II. Grading Scale:

98-100% A+	89-91% B+	80-82% C+	71-73% D+
95-97% A	86-88% B	77-79% C	68-70% D
92-94% A-	83-85% B-	74-76% C-	65-67% D-

III. HOMEWORK: will always be checked for completion, and will be periodically taken for an individual grade.

- Full credit** (5 points) will be given if the assignment:
 - is completed *on time* (prior to the start of class)
 - is done in a neat & organized manner *in pencil*
 - is *fully attempted* and *every* problem has the proper amount of **WORK SHOWN** (unless the problem is marked with an 'NW' which means 'No Work')
- has *every answer corrected* after we check the homework in class (if not, paper will be marked 'C' & 1 point is lost)
- Homework not meeting the requirements above** will receive a lower grade.
 - You have one week to properly complete the homework and turn it back in to earn several more points and a much higher grade (this method is used to encourage the habit of turning in quality work)
 - Incomplete homework turned in after one week will earn much less or no points back.
 - Absent work follows the LMS policy: An extra day to turn it in for each day absent.
 - Incomplete homework will be marked:
 - 2/5** (just barely missing requirements): can be completed and turned in for 5/5
 - 1/5** (missing minor amount of requirements): can be completed and turned in for 4/5
 - 0** (missing more than a minor amount): student receives a **homework mark**, and can be complete the homework and turn it in for 3/5
- Homework Marks & consequences: THREE STRIKES**
 - Homework #1 & #2: you will only receive the lowered grade. Be sure to finish & turn in the homework.
 - Homework #3: you receive a HOMEWORK PLAN form to fill out and have signed by a parent within two days.
 - Homework #4 and beyond: within 2 school days, you must finish the homework and also PARENTAL NOTICE FORM signed by your parent/guardian. Keep those items stapled together.
- 9 weeks Homework Grade** (8 points): students start with 8 points & lose a point for every homework mark.

III. TESTS (worth 100 points) & QUIZZES (usually worth 10-50 points):

- Review assignments** will usually be given two days prior to tests and will be due on test day.
- Re-taking a test** or quiz is allowed for any score below a C- (74%) (the re-take test has different problems)
 - You have **1 week to re-take** the test. You are highly encouraged to work with someone else (a peer, relative, Mr. A) to **prepare**, including looking over the original test and review assignment. It is YOUR responsibility to talk with Mr. A to find a time to re-take that test.
 - The better score will be taken (you cannot lower your score), but you cannot earn a score above 74%.

IV. Other grades:

- Grade keeper** check (8 points): Mr. A will give you gold-papered grade keeper to keep updated and organized.
- Journal** check (8 points): using a **composition notebook**, you will keep these items properly organized for the year:
 - Notes & examples (front side of pages)
 - Practice Problems (back side of pages)
 - Life Lessons (back section)
- Organization Quiz** (10 points): you are responsible for keeping ALL math material (homework, tests, hand-outs, ...) in an organized manner of your choice. Each nine weeks, you will have a quiz where you will be given a list of 11 papers to find in seven minutes. After each nine weeks, you only need to keep your journal entries and colored sheets.
- Projects:** late projects decrease by one letter grade per day.

1. State something that you are good at: _____
Describe at least two SPECIFIC things what you have done to become good at that.

2. Name two good habits that you have:

3. Name two bad habits (school appropriate) you have:

4. Name a good habit that you would like to develop (or bad habit to eliminate):
Describe what you might do to help develop/achieve that. Be specific.

5. During this school year, name one thing *as a student* that you would like improve on (or a goal you would like to achieve) and **describe** a plan you could do to carry that out:

6. During this school year, name one thing *outside of the school* that you would like improve on (or a goal you would like to achieve) and describe a plan you could do to carry that out:

7. For you, name a favorite:

A. Movie

B. TV show

C. music group

D. activity/ hobby